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## Via Certified Mailing - Return Receipt

March 4, 2014

Dennis R. Choate President, Owner and Registered Agent Dencho Marine, Inc. 1517 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street Long Beach, CA 90813

Re: Notice of Violations and Intent to File Suit Under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act)

Dear Mr. Choate:

## **NOTICE**

This Notice is provided on behalf of California River Watch ("River Watch") in regard to violations of the Clean Water Act ("CWA" or "Act") 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq., that River Watch believes are occurring at the Dencho Marine facility located at 1517 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street in Long Beach, California. Notice is being sent to you as the responsible owner, operator, and/or manager of this facility and real property. This Notice addresses the violations of the CWA, including violation of the terms of the General California Industrial Storm Water Permit, and the unlawful discharge of pollutants from the Dencho Marine facility into the City of Long Beach Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System ("MS4"), which discharges to the Los Angeles River, CWA § 303(d) listed as impaired for metals (in particular for copper and zinc).

CWA § 505(b) requires a citizen to give notice of the intent to file suit sixty (60) days prior to the initiation of a civil action under Section 505(a) of the Act. Notice must be given to the alleged violator, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), and the state in which the violations occur.

As required by the CWA, this Notice provides notice of the violations that have occurred, and continue to occur at the Dencho Marine facility. Consequently, Dencho Marine (the "Discharger") is placed on formal notice by River Watch that after the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date of this Notice, River Watch will be entitled to bring suit in the United